

**Bridge Design System Analysis and Modernization QA1**  
**Requisition 1244**  
**6/12/13**

Question 1: How many meetings of the Software Evaluation Team will occur during the project timeline and how long are the meetings? Where are they held?

**Answer 1: There will be approximately a meeting a month for the life of the project. These meetings should last a few hours and take place in Lansing or through conference call.**

Question 2: Item 3B indicates "Update the BDS program as recommended" but it does not indicate the scope of these updates. Software development is a potentially very time consuming and costly activity, and without some guidance on this item there is the potential to produce widely varying costs and scopes from different proposers unless MDOT provides some basis for the activity. We feel it would be unfair to proposers to leave this item undefined since a large portion of the project selection is based on the dollar value of the proposal.

**Answer 2:**

**The BDS software should be improved so that the program is modernized as needed to assure it will function on new operating systems and work integrally with third party programs. At the same time, existing bridge design calculations, processes, and procedures must be updated to meet AASHTO bridge design standards.**

Question 3:

I read on page 4 of that RFP that travel must be in accordance with the State of Michigan's Standardized Travel Regulations and supporting documentation must be submitted with the billing. Our University has a master research contract with the MDOT whereas we are allowed to charge State OR Federal Standardized Travel rates, "whichever the University accounting system will support". Our University supports federal travel rates. Also, according to our master contract, we are not required to submit supporting documentation with our billings.

**Answer 3:**

**A University shall use travel rates as outlined in their IDS contract. The more restrictive RFP requirements are superseded by the IDS contract requirements**